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SUBJECT: ARAFAT'S JULY 18 MEETING IN DAMASCUS WITH SECRETARY  
GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF ARTICLE IN JULY 18 ISSUE OF  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF PALESTINE NEW AGENCY (Wafa).

2. BEGIN TEXT. "YASSER ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE AND GENERAL COMMANDER OF THE FORCES OF THE PALESTINIAN  
REVOLUTION, YESTERDAY EVENING MET IN DAMASCUS WITH UN SECRETARY  
GENERAL DR. KURT WALDHEIM WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION  
IN SOUTH LEBANON, THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE,  
ISRAELI PIRACY IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, AND UNRWA'S REDUCTION  
OF SERVICES GRANTED TO PALESTINIAN REFUGEES. THE MEETING WAS  
ATTENDED BY MUHAMMED ZUHDI AL-NASHASHIBI, SECRETARY OF THE PLO  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; ABDEL MIHSIM ABU MAIZAR, PLO OFFICIAL  
SPOKESMAN; AND KHALED AL-HASSAN, MEMBER OF THE FATEH CENTRAL  
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COMMITTEE.

3. "ARAFAT THEN REVIEWED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTH  
LEBANON, POINTING TO THE ZIONIST ENEMY'S FAILURE TO ACCOMPLISH  
COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL, AND ITS HANDING OVER OF PARTS OF SOUTH  
LEBANON TO ITS PUPPETS SAAD HADDAD AND SAMI AL-SHIDIAQ, CONSE-  
QUENTLY MAINTAINING ITS INDIRECT OCCUPATION OF THE SOUTH.

4. "PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT ALSO RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE ZIONIST PIRACIES ON THE MEDITERRANIAN, EXPLAINING HOW SHIPS ARE INTERCEPTED AND SEARCHED. IN THIS RESPECT, DR. WALDHEIM PROMISED TO STUDY THE ISSUE IN VIEW OF ITS CLEAR VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. "PLO CHAIRMAN ARAFAT THEN EXPLAINED TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS THAT ENTAIL THE TRANSFER OF THE UNRWA HEADQUARTERS TO VIENNA SUCH AS ITS DIRECT REMOVAL FROM THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IT IS EXPECTED TO HELP. ARAFAT THEN DISCUSSED WITH DR. WALDHEIM THE DECREASE OF UNWA'S SERVICES IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE. U.N. SECRETARY-GENRAL WALDHEIM DECLARED THAT THERE IS NO POLITICAL AIM IN TRANSFERRING UNRWA TO VIENNA, AND ADDED THAT HE WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH THE UNRWA DIRECTOR.

6. "WALDHEIM WHO EXPLAINED THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FACING UNRWA PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST TO KEEP THE LEVEL OF ITS SERVICES STABLE.

7. "REGARDING PEACE PROSPECTS IN THE REGION, WALDHEIM SAID THAT WORLD AND REGIONAL PEACE WILL ALWAYS BE THREATENED AS LONG AS THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT OF WHICH THE PALESTINE QUESTION IS THE CORE REMAINS UNSOLVED. HE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT A SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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REALIZING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

8. "WALDHEIM STRESSED THE NON-VIABILITY OF SEPARATE AND UNILATERAL SOLUTIONS, AFFIRMING THE NECESSITY OF WORKING OUT A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PLO.

9. "THE PALESTINAIN SIDE IN TURN CLARIFIED THE PLO'S PRINCIPLED POSITION IN REGARD TO UN RESOLUTION 242, BILLING IT AS "AN INCOMPATIBLE PLATFORM FOR ANY SETTLEMENT." END TEXT. PARKER

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